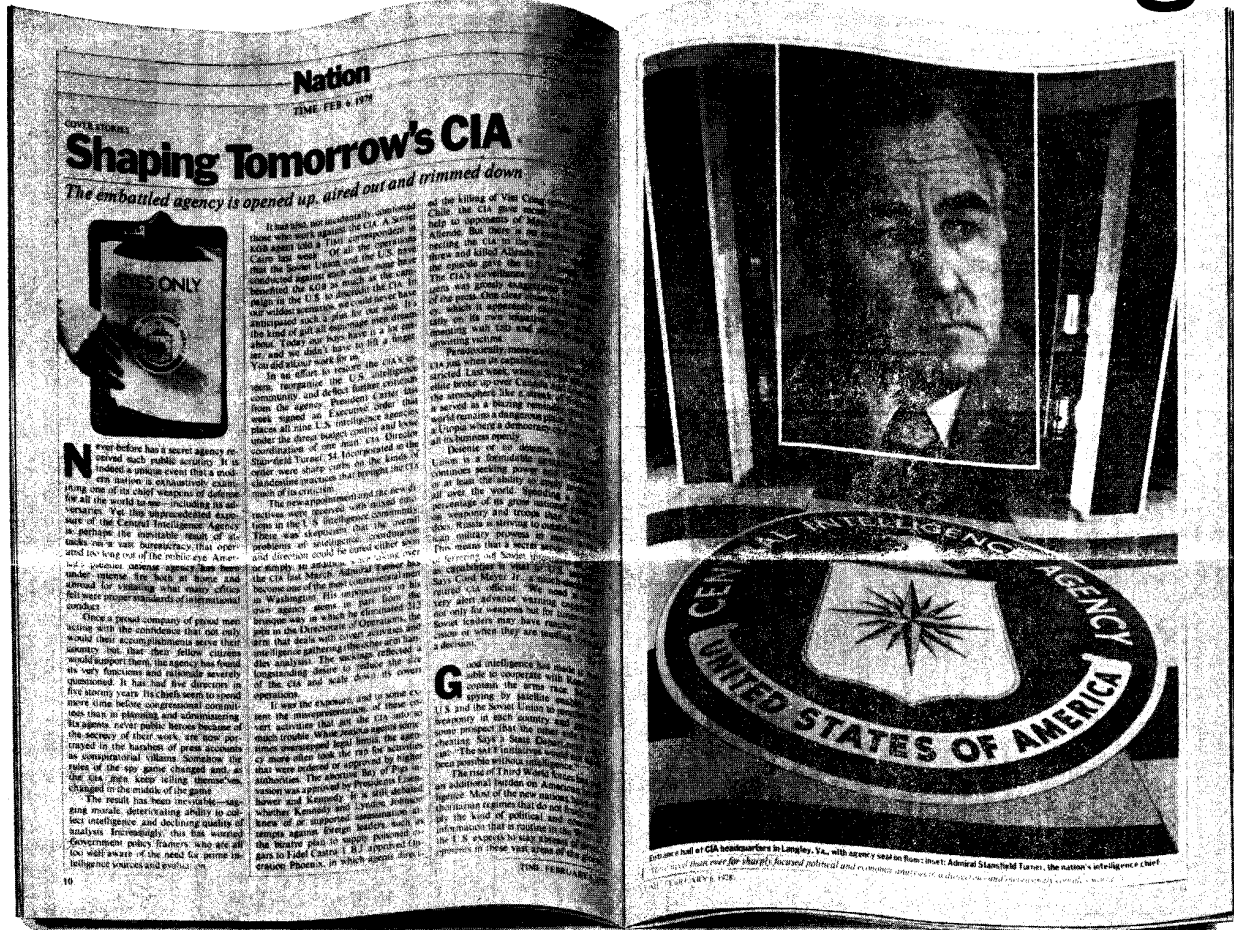


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Usually it's a goof that puts spies in the news. Last week had its goof—the Soviet Cosmos 954 spy satellite that came down with a splash of radiation in Canada—but the big news in the spook business came from an Executive order.

After a bitter—and, to the delight of the KGB, public—controversy over the CIA, President Carter announced a sweeping reorganization of the entire U.S. intelligence community. This week, TIME examines the implications of the reorganization and tells how it may help preserve the effectiveness of the CIA in the face of critics who fail to understand that their cherished democratic freedoms must be protected in a world that in large part does not cherish them.

TIME's story reviews the CIA's much-lamented sins. Even more important, it reveals an array of the agency's vital services and tells why it needs at least some secrecy to do its job.

The CIA's most challenging opponent is, of course, the Soviet KGB.

Seldom criticized at home—one of its assigned tasks is silencing its critics—the KGB was even honored last year with a Soviet postage stamp. It may well deserve it. The Soviet secret service, says TIME, is big and good, and getting bigger and better.

TIME subjects the KGB and its operations to an unaccustomed scrutiny, and also offers a connoisseur's guide to other nations' intelligence services, rating them (like restaurants) on their specialties and the quality of their service.

Like any good intelligence organization, TIME has methodically gathered the facts and put them together in a revealing report on how the whole system works. It's the kind of story TIME is uniquely equipped to handle, with its diligent reporting, exhaustive research, informed editing, striking graphics and some of the most colorful writing in the business. It makes TIME, clearly, the most colorful coverage of the week.

